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Masato Takahashi et al.

Application No.: 09/998,621

Art Unit: 3727

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For: SEALING ELEMENT, HERMETIC
CONTAINER AND SEALING METHOD
THEREOF

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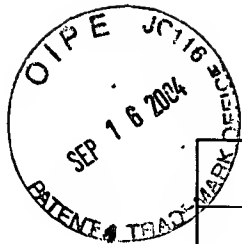
INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004 (Paper No. 20040611), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.



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